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Michigan Joblessness Up Sharply

Labor market conditions throughout the state continued to worsen as the unemployment rate rose sharply from 14.9 percent in October to 16.4 percent in November. The higher rate represented 699,000 jobless individuals, an increase of 62,000 from the previous month. During the month, jobs in manufacturing and nonmanufacturing industries declined causing overall employment to drop by 79,000 to a level of 3,563,000. The state's labor force continued to decline, falling 17,000 to a level of 4,262,000. Michigan's jobless situation has worsened considerably from a year ago. In November 1981, the unemployment rate stood at 12.0 percent representing 517,000 jobless individuals. In addition, total employment has fallen 235,000 over the year.

Industry Jobs Decline

Wage and salary employment in Michigan totaled 3,208,100 in November, down 7,100 from the previous month. The job loss reflected cutbacks in both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing establishments which were partially offset by gains in the government sector. Manufacturing employment at 829,000 fell 9,500 over the month with layoffs in metals and nonelectrical machinery responsible for more than 75 percent of the loss. Employment in the nonmanufacturing sector declined 5,100 to 1,740,000. All industries within this sector recorded losses with the exception of retail trade. Government payrolls at 639,100 in November showed a monthly increase of 7,500, as gains were reflected at all levels of government. Total industry jobs in Michigan have declined 173,200 or 5.1 percent since November 1981, as the state's economic recession continues. The manufacturing sector has been the area hardest hit, particularly the transportation equipment, nonelectrical machinery and metals industries.

Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment Estimates

November, 1982 (Preliminary)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
Michigan	4,262,000	3,563,000	699,000	16.4%
Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti	140,500	122,000	18,500	13.2
Battle Creek SMSA	81,500	68,300	13,200	16.2
Bay City-SMSA	54,900	45,700	9,200	16.8
Benton Harbor-SMSA	70,900	59,600	11,300	15.9
Detroit	1,972,200	1,634,000	338,200	17.1
Flint-SMSA	227,100	174,000	53,100	23.4
Grand Rapids SMSA	326,900	288,000	38,900	11.9
Jackson-SMSA	65,000	54,100	10,900	16.8
Kalamazoo-Portage SMSA	138,200	122,100	16,100	11.6
Lansing-East Lansing-SMSA	243,400	214,000	29,400	12.1
Muskegon-Norton Shores-Muskegon Heights SMSA	78,600	64,300	14,300	18.2
Saginaw-SMSA	101,100	83,900	17,200	17.0
Upper Peninsula LMA	137,500	108,100	29,400	21.4

Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates

State of Michigan

Item	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Sept., 1982	Nov. 1981
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
Civilian Labor Force	4,262.0	4,279.0	4,307.0	4,315.0
Employment	3,563.0	3,642.0	3,682.0	3,798.0
Unemployment	699.0	637.0	624.0	517.0
Rate	16.4%	14.9%	14.5%	12.0%
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3,208.1	3,215.2	3,222.4	3,381.3
Manufacturing	829.0	838.5	886.9	959.1
Durables	643.7	651.1	694.8	767.2
Lumber & Wood Products	10.1	9.8	9.8	10.1
Furniture & Fixtures	21.6	21.7	21.7*	23.2
Metals	134.7	140.1	148.8	169.2
Primary Metals	42.7	46.3	48.6	59.9
Fabricated Metals	92.0	93.8	100.2	109.3
Nonelectrical Machinery	120.0	121.8	129.5	154.7
Electrical Machinery	27.8	27.7	28.7	31.1
Transportation Equipment	297.0	296.4	322.0	341.1
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	281.3	280.3	305.6	325.7
Other Transportation Equip.	15.7	16.1	16.4	15.4
Other Durables	32.5	33.6	34.3	37.8
Nondurables	185.3	187.4	192.1	191.9
Food & Kindred Products	45.7*	46.7	48.1	45.2
Textiles & Apparel	16.7	17.0	18.7	18.5
Paper & Allied Products	20.8	20.3	20.8	21.3
Printing & Publishing	30.2	30.4	30.4	31.4
Chemicals & Petroleum	43.0	43.2	43.3	45.2
Other Nondurables	28.9	29.8	30.8	30.3
Nonmanufacturing	1,740.0	1,745.1	1,744.5	1,791.8
Construction	92.9	95.9*	91.4*	103.8
Trans., Commun., & Utilities	133.7	135.0	135.1	142.4
Wholesale Trade	149.3	150.1	150.3	158.9
Retail Trade	543.5	539.8	540.0	558.7
Finance, Real Estate & Ins.	149.9	150.6	151.3	152.0
Services	662.5	665.1	667.6	664.4
Mining	8.2	8.6	8.8	11.6
Government	639.1	631.6	591.0	630.4
Federal	56.3	56.1	56.7	56.2
State	155.4	152.3	140.0	153.3
Local	427.4	423.2	394.3*	420.9
Workers Involved in Labor Disputes	0.9	1.6	17.2	2.5

* Indicates a labor-management dispute in the industry.

Notes: Data expressed in thousands. Current month data are preliminary.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE data are based on the monthly Current Population Survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics — 1981 Benchmark.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT is based on a monthly sample of employing establishments as part of the co-operative federal-state Current Employment Statistics program — March 1981 Benchmark.

Claims Activity

The number of individuals drawing regular unemployment benefits in Michigan continued to increase over the month. The regular claims load averaged 268,350 in November, approximately 20,700 higher than the previous month. Over the same period, the number of claimants receiving payments under the Extended Benefits program declined more than 400 to average 63,225 per week. The claims load under the Federal Supplemental Compensation program averaged an increase of 7,900 from the previous month.

Weekly Claims for Unemployment Insurance

Week Ending	Regular Program Total	Regular Program Initial	Regular Program Cont'd	Extended Benefits Total	Extended Benefits Initial	Extended Benefits Cont'd
Nov. 6, 1982	246,500	36,700	209,800	63,900	7,200	56,700
Nov. 13, 1982	251,400	36,400	215,000	62,200	6,400	55,800
Nov. 20, 1982	301,600	60,300	241,300	65,900	7,000	58,900
Nov. 27, 1982	273,900	35,500	238,400	60,900	6,400	54,500

Prices Decline in Detroit Area

The Detroit metropolitan area comsumer prices fell significantly in December after nine months of steady increase. The December price level fell 292.6, a 1.1 percent decline from the previous month. Compared with last December, Detroit area prices have risen 5.1 percent.

Consumer prices in the nation continued to decline for the second consecutive month. The United States price index declined 0.4 percent to 292.4 in December. Compared with last December, the National Consumer Price Index has risen by 3.9 percent.

Hours and Earnings

The average workweek of Michigan's production workers in manufacturing industries rose 0.9 hours over the month to 40.7 hours in November. The increase was the result of a longer workweek in durable goods industries. A year ago, the workweek averaged 39.7 hours. Hourly earnings of production workers rose ten cents over the month to average $11.22. Weekly earnings increased $13.24 to average $456.14 in November. A year ago, earnings averaged $10.86 an hour or $431.40 per week.

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/ Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1981	Average Weekly Hours a/ Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1981	Average Weekly Earnings a/ Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1981
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	**$11.22**	**$11.12**	**$10.86**	**40.7**	**39.8**	**39.7**	**$456.14**	**$442.90**	**$431.40**
DURABLE GOODS	11.65	11.56	11.24	40.7	39.7	39.5	474.03	458.87	444.45
Primary Metal Products	12.83	12.59	12.03	39.8	39.1	39.5	510.39	491.96	475.15
Fabricated Metal Products	10.68	10.51	10.25	39.5	39.1	38.2	421.96	410.83	391.89
Nonelectrical Machinery	11.37	11.34	11.02	40.0	39.1	41.7	455.00	443.66	459.78
Electrical Machinery	9.64	9.62	9.01	40.1	39.7	39.3	386.73	381.39	353.89
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	12.91	12.88	12.52	41.8	40.3	38.9	540.21	518.97	487.39
NONDURABLE GOODS	9.63	9.53	9.22	40.6	40.3	40.5	390.55	384.31	373.36
Contract Construction	14.74	13.98	14.28	34.2	37.1	37.9	503.68	519.24	540.94
Department Stores	5.85	5.82	5.60	30.8	31.4	31.7	180.25	182.71	177.52

a/ *Average weekly and hourly earnings are computed from aggregates of individual establishment reports utilizing the total amount paid to production workers and total production hours. Average weekly and hourly earnings differ from weekly and hourly rates in that they are affected by overtime wage rates, part-time earnings, the length of the workweek, etc.*

Note: *Current month data are preliminary.*

Labor Surplus Areas Eligible for Federal Procurement Preference From June 1, 1982 through May 31, 1983

Eligible Labor Surplus Areas	Political Jurisdiction(s) Included
Alcona County	Alcona County
Alger County	Alger County
Alpena County	Alpena County
Allegan County	Allegan County
Antrim County	Antrim County
Arenac County	Arenac County
Baraga County	Baraga County
Barry County	Barry County
Bay County	Bay County
Benzie County	Benzie County
Berrien County	Berrien County
Branch County	Branch County
Calhoun County	Calhoun County
Cass County	Cass County
Charlevoix County	Charlevoix County
Cheboygan County	Cheboygan County
Chippewa County	Chippewa County
Clare County	Clare County
Clinton County	Clinton County
Clinton Township	Clinton Township in Macomb County
Crawford County	Crawford County
Dearborn City	Dearborn City in Wayne County
Dearborn Heights City	Dearborn Heights City in Wayne County
Delta County	Delta County
Detroit City	Detroit City in Wayne County
Dickinson County	Dickinson County
East Lansing City	East Lansing City in Ingham County
Eaton County, Balance of	Eaton County less Lansing City (part)
Emmet County	Emmet County
Flint City	Flint City in Genesee County
Genessee County, Balance of	Genesee County less Flint City
Gladwin County	Gladwin County
Gogebic County	Gogebic County
Grand Rapids City	Grand Rapids City in Kent County
Grand Traverse County	Grand Traverse County
Gratiot County	Gratiot County
Hillsdale County	Hillsdale County
Houghton County	Houghton County
Huron County	Huron County
Ingham County, Balance of	Ingham County less Lansing City (part), East Lansing City
Ionia County	Ionia County
Iosco County	Iosco County
Iron County	Iron County
Isabella County	Isabella County
Jackson County	Jackson County
Kalamazoo City	Kalamazoo City in Kalamazoo County
Kalkaska County	Kalkaska County
Kent County, Balance of	Kent County less Grand Rapids City, Wyoming City
Keweenaw County	Keweenaw County
Lake County	Lake County
Lansing City	Lansing City in Ingham County
Lapeer County	Lapeer County
Leelanau County	Leelanau County
Lenawee County	Lenawee County

Eligible Labor Surplus Areas	Political Jurisdictions(s) included
Livingston County	Livingston County
Luce County	Luce County
Mackinac County	Mackinac County
Macomb County, Balance of	Macomb County less Clinton Township, Roseville City, St. Clair Shores City, Sterling Heights City, Warren City
Manistee County	Manistee County
Marquette County	Marquette County
Mason County	Mason County
Mecosta County	Mecosta County
Midland County	Midland County
Missaukee County	Missaukee County
Monroe County	Monroe County
Montcalm County	Montcalm County
Montmorency County	Montmorency County
Muskegon County	Muskegon County
Newaygo County	Newaygo County
Oakland County, Balance of	Oakland County less Farmington Hills City Pontiac City, Royal Oak City, Southfield City, Troy City, Waterford Township
Oceana County	Oceana County
Ogemaw County	Ogemaw County
Ontonagon County	Ontonagon County
Osceola County	Osceola County
Oscoda County	Oscoda County
Otsego County	Otsego County
Pontiac City	Pontiac City in Oakland County
Presque Isle County	Presque Isle County
Redford Township	Redford Township in Wayne County
Roscommon County	Roscommon County
Roseville City	Roseville City in Macomb County
Saginaw City	Saginaw City in Saginaw County
Saginaw County, Balance of	Saginaw County less Saginaw City
St. Clair County	St. Clair County
St. Clair Shores City	St. Clair Shores City in Macomb County
St. Joseph County	St. Joseph County
Sanilac County	Sanilac County
Schoolcraft County	Schoolcraft County
Shiawassee County	Shiawassee County
Sterling Heights City	Sterling Heights City in Macomb County
Taylor City	Taylor City in Wayne County
Tuscola County	Tuscola County
Van Buren County	Van Buren County
Warren City	Warren City in Macomb County
Washtenaw County, Balance of	Washtenaw County less Ann Arbor City
Waterford Township	Waterford Township in Oakland County
Wayne County, Balance of	Wayne County less Dearborn City, Dearborn Heights City, Detroit City, Livonia City, Redford Township, Taylor City, Westland City
Westland City	Westland City in Wayne County
Wexford County	Wexford County
Wyoming City	Wyoming City in Kent County

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